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RIP JAPAN NAVY IN HOME SEA

Carriers Deal 'Crippling' Blow

GUAM, Wednesday, March 21 (UP).—U. S. carrier aircraft of the Fifth Fleet attacked the principal units of the Japanese Navy in the Inland Sea of Japan Monday and inflicted "crippling damage" on the enemy fleet, it was announced today.

Heavy damage was done and many aircraft were destroyed, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in a special communique. A preliminary report from Vice Adm. R. A. Spruance, commander of the Fifth Fleet, showed the following damage was inflicted in the two-day carrier plane assault against the Japanese mainland:

SHIPS DAMAGED: One or two battleships; two or three aircraft carriers; two light aircraft carriers or escort carriers; one heavy cruiser; one light cruiser; four destroyers; one submarine; one destroyer escort; seven freighters. **PLANES DESTROYED:** 200 shot down in air combat, 275 destroyed on the ground. Seven Japanese freighters also were destroyed.

American aircraft losses were "extremely light," the first report of damage inflicted in the devastating carrier assault said.

The Japanese fleet units, Nimitz announced, were caught in their home bases in the Inland Sea.

[The Inland Sea is a narrow waterway bounded on the north by the Japanese main home island of Honshu, with the islands of Kyushu on the west and Shikoku on its east. The Inland Sea connects with the Sea of Japan through Tsushima Strait.]

Spruance was in tactical command of the fleet forces engaged in the action. Many ground installations on Honshu Island, attacked Monday by hundreds of carrier planes, were blasted in the heavy attack.

Japan itself admitted that the American air attacks on her homeland were causing even greater damage than the heaviest raids on Germany.



Yanks Seize Barricade: Having driven the Nazis from this road block during violent street fighting in Guding, Germany, near Saarbrücken, U.S. soldiers climb to the top of the crude barricade and blast away at the retreating foe. When the photo was taken, the Germans were in another emplacement down the street.

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Patton Captures Worms, Enters Mainz

PARIS, March 20 (UP).—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army tanks and troops today captured the historic Rhine city of Worms, fought into Mainz and collapsed the entire Saar Palatinate line by storming into and beyond Kaiserslautern.

Across the Rhine, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army, gaining two and a half miles north on the plain opposite Bonn, fought into Beuel and made new advances south and west to capture more than a score of towns and extend the eastern bank foothold to a wedge 24 miles wide and eight miles deep.

As Hodges' tanks and troops drove for the Ruhr triangle from the south, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower broadcast a proclamation to all workers in the Ruhr warning them to flee the "death trap" that the area soon will become.

Front reports estimated that nearly 70,000 of the 80,000 Germans officially estimated to have been defending the Saar have already been eliminated. In the six days

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FDR Orders Study of Guaranteed Annual Wage

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt today directed the War Mobilization Advisory Board to study the entire question of establishing a guaranteed annual wage for American workers, long a goal of organized labor.

He said that the inquiry, recommended last December by the War Labor Board, "is closely connected with the problems of reconversion and the transition from a war economy to a peace economy."

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference that he had been thinking about the advisability of such a plan for 10 years. He apparently is interested in it now as a postwar measure.

The WLB recommended to Mr. Roosevelt last Dec. 1 that "the whole question of guaranteed wage plans and the possibility of their future development in American industries as an aid in the stabilization of employment and the regularization of production, should now be com-

prehensively studied on a national scale."

It reported that an assured wage "is one of the main aspirations of American workers" and that "the search for it is a part of the search for continuity of employment which is perhaps the most vital economic and social objective of our times."

To this end Mr. Roosevelt wrote War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes asking that the advisory board undertake the inquiry. The board will report its findings and recommendations to the President and Byrnes.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the plan he has in mind involves the study of annual take-home pay. He said the board will start to examine the situation right away and that it already has a great amount of information collected by the Labor Department.

The WLB recommendation was a direct outgrowth of its decision last Nov. 25 in the basic steel wage case. The board rejected demands by the United Steelworkers

(CIO) that 86 companies guarantee "each employee a minimum weekly wage during the life of the contract." The WLB felt it did not know enough about the operation of guaranteed annual wage plans, but proposed that Mr. Roosevelt appoint a study commission.

The WLB had said in its December report to Mr. Roosevelt that fear of unemployment has led to demands for annual wage guarantees.

It estimated that there were only some 50 or 60 guaranteed annual wage plans in existence. Most of those plans, it said, were initiated by employers themselves. Some were tried and abandoned. It said no such plan has been attempted in a durable goods industry such as steel, where the demand for labor "has fluctuated widely from year to year."

The board recommended a comprehensive study because "the country's information on the important subject . . . is very limited."

FDR Backs Byrnes' Appeal to Cities on Midnight Curfew

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt today backed up War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' appeal that the nation stick by the midnight curfew edict, but he said in effect that there is nothing he can do to force compliance in New York City.

He told a news conference that Byrnes' appeal had his full approval and added that he favored the original curfew order. He was asked who he thought was right—Byrnes, or Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia who defiantly extended the curfew until 1 a.m.

Byrnes, of course, Mr. Roosevelt replied.

He also was asked whether the government intends to try to bring New York back into line. He shrugged and asked what he could do about it. A reporter suggested that sanctions could be used to cut off the manpower of violators. The President said he had not thought about that.

Asked whether he thought the curfew still should be effective at midnight, he answered by saying that most of the country had accepted Byrnes' request.

In Congress, Rep. William M. Colmer (D-Miss) announced that, if necessary, he would introduce a bill to make all cities comply with the midnight curfew.

LaGuardia continued to stand alone in his defiance. Other big cities announced that they would continue to confirm, and some officials criticized the "Little Flower" for not cooperating with the war effort.

Even some New York night spot owners were reluctant to take advantage of the extension for fear of government penalties. Others welcomed the extra hour.

Mr. Roosevelt's stand was substantially the same as that of Byrnes. The "assistant president" conceded yesterday that he is powerless to enforce the curfew in New York or any other city, but he put the rest of the nation on its honor not to follow LaGuardia's example.

Curfew Storm Rages City Councilmen

Meanwhile, the New York City Council yesterday became a verbal battleground as City Councilman Walter Hart (D-B'klyn), Hugh Quinn (D-Queens), Louis Cohen (D-Bronx), Stanley M. Isaacs (R-Man) and James A. Phillips (D-Queens) accused Mayor LaGuardia of everything from dictatorship to deserving of impeachment because he had extended the midnight curfew to 1 a.m.

Majority leader, Joseph T. Sharkey (D-B'klyn.) said that the people of New York object to the extension because they don't want to be different from the people of any other city. He added that the Council had taken the curfew very seriously, but that the Mayor had not regarded it in the same light.

Some of the councilmen, with their eyes fixed on the coming mayoralty election, overdid themselves in emotional oratory, one of them going so far as to say that shooting is "too little."

Need Red Cross Most Now: FDR

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt tonight appealed to the nation to over-subscribe the \$200,000,000 Red Cross war fund because the need for Red Cross aid was never greater than now and "I do not know when victory will come."

In an address over all radio networks, he testified from his personal observation abroad to the usefulness of the Red Cross in battle areas.



Advancing on the run, infantrymen of Lt. Gen. Patton's U.S. Third Army close in to take Coblenz.

Senate GOP Leaders Bared as Pushing Anti-Labor Bill

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, March 20.—A conspiracy of Senate GOP leaders to slip over the vicious Young-Demo merit-rating amendment to the unemployment insurance law was brought into the open today by Sen. Alex Falk, sponsor of the Falk-Gugino measure, which labor

is backing. Sen. Falk charged on the Senate floor that GOP leader Benjamin F. Feinberg was resorting to "manipulation and scheming" to kill his measure in favor of the Young-Demo proposal. Sen. Feinberg had attempted to advance the Young-Demo measure for final reading while refusing to advance the Falk measure.

Sen. Feinberg's retort that he would not permit the Falk-Gugino measure to pass caused a sensation, since the bill is considered the brain child of Assembly majority leader Irving M. Ives, and is supported by the Ives special legislative committee on labor and industry.

The Feinberg position thus reveals the sharp conflict between Senate and Assembly Republican leaders. The fight got so hot that these leaders were summoned to the Governor's office this afternoon where efforts were made to resolve it.

These efforts were continuing at a late hour tonight. To what extent the Governor is involved in Sen. Feinberg's sudden scuttling of the Falk-Gugino bill was not known.

After Sen. Falk's blast, Sen. Feinberg was compelled to grant the Manhattan Democrat's insistence that his bill be advanced along with that of the Young-Demo measure.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

The difference between the Senate majority leaders' approach and that of Assembly GOP leadership was reflected in the former's bitter remark that "we don't have to

Press Thomas Murray For Falk Jobless Bill

With the Building Trades Council yesterday unanimously endorsing the Falk-Gugino bill amending the New York Unemployment Insurance Law, AFL unions of the city yesterday brought strong pressure on State Federation of Labor president Thomas Murray against any retreat on the measure.

The action came as reports persisted that Murray was leaning to the Republican and employer supported Young-Demo bill. Both AFL and CIO unions lined up solidly for the Falk-Gugino bill.

With the measure expected to come up during the last hours of the legislature, a last minute shift of support from Murray could influence the decision.

take you Democrats to our bosom." Assemblyman Ives has been stressing a nonpartisan approach. Hence the sponsorship of his measure by a Senate Democrat and Assembly Republican, Frank Gugino of Buffalo.

Representatives of big industrial corporations have been lobbying furiously for the merit-rating bill and have made headway with the Senate GOP leaders.

The Falk-Gugino measure provides for rebates to employers when the fund reaches a high level in such a way as to protect the

size of the fund. Rebates are based on several factors, in which merit-rating is relatively slight. It also provides liberalization to benefits to workers, including a \$3 dependency payment, extension of benefits to 26 weeks and cutting of waiting time to one week.

To weaken labor opposition to the Young-Demo plan, Sen. Feinberg announced it would be amended today to include the liberalization provisions. Both AFL and CIO leaders were emphatic, however, that they would accept no version of that plan, and so informed Gov. Dewey this afternoon.

In a statement on the manipulations of the GOP Senate leaders, State CIO President Louis Hollander charged that a "conspiracy exists between some members of the State Legislature and big business . . . to destroy our unemployment insurance system."

Social Approach To S.I. Problem Urged by Davis

City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., yesterday described as "necessary" a resolution he had just introduced into the City Council, calling upon Mayor LaGuardia to appoint a non-partisan committee to investigate the Staten Island situation.

"I introduced this resolution," he said, "because some of the press is carrying on a campaign of smearing troops stationed at Staten Island and, as a result, is helping to promote interracial strife while obscuring the real facts."

Davis said he hoped the Mayor's Committee on Unity could go to Staten Island to hold hearings and establish a conference of Army authorities, civilians and the City Administration.

At the Council meeting, Davis objected to opening the floor to discussion on another Staten Island resolution offered by Councilman Frederick Schick from that district.

ASSUMES FACTS

"The Schick resolution," Davis said later, "assumes that rape, robbery, burglary, violence and assault have been committed against Staten Island civilians. There are no facts on this. Actually the implication of Schick's resolution is to smear the Negro troops for alleged acts and would put the City Council on record as judging before facts have been established. This would only add to the smear."

"Schick calls for more police protection for civilians. This is wrong. The correct approach calls for an examination of complaints of both soldiers and civilians and an ironing out of the situation in a peaceful manner. This is a social question and needs a social approach by the entire community."

Other business taken up by the Council yesterday included passage of a resolution calling on the State Legislature to take steps towards improving the bitter Flatbush water, and the introduction of a resolution by Councilman Michael J. Quill, calling upon OPA Administrator Chester Bowles to grant New York City taxi drivers priority in obtaining 1942 model cars now being released by OPA.

Save every scrap of paper—old newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper, cardboard, everything that's paper. Every bit of it is needed to help win the war.

Spring Didn't Look, It Just Leaped Into 1945

"Daughter of heaven and earth, coy spring" slipped into being full-blown yesterday setting a record in temperatures of 77 degrees at 2 p.m.

Officially Spring arrived at 7:38 p.m., according to the Weather Bureau, but to most of us it seem-

ed to have arrived last week. Heavy ground fog over the metropolitan area caused the cancellation of all flights from LaGuardia Field in the morning. The mist rose in the afternoon.

During the day, the temperature struck between 75 and 80 degrees.

Soviets Take Stettin Suburb

Mandalay Falls After 12-Day Siege

MANDALAY, March 20 (UP).—Mandalay fell to the British today after two years, 10 months and 12 days of Japanese occupation, and Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied Southeast Asia Commander, in a special order of the day reminded his troops that the enemy had held the old Burmese capital to be of supreme importance.

The end of the 12-day siege came at noon while artillery of the 19th Indian Division was pounding Port Dufferin, the mile-square moated fortress dominating the city. Four Burmese bearing white flags and the Union Jack came forth and reported that Japanese troops had sneaked out of the fort under cover of darkness.

The Sikhs, Punjabis and Gurkhas of the 19th Division immediately entered the fortress in search of any enemy troops who might be hiding in the former British barracks or the garden surrounding the red lacquer palace of the ancient Burma kings. The palace itself was left blazing by the beaten Japanese, who had been ordered to fight to the death.

It was estimated that 500 Japanese who had been holding out in the southern part of the city were now hopelessly trapped between eastern and western prongs of the 19th Division and the Second Division which drove eastward from the Irrawaddy River. The beginning of the end was heralded yesterday when they counter-attacked desperately but ineffectively.

Mandalay was occupied by the Japanese on May 1, 1942, as they drove up from Malaya and overran all of Burma, driving British and Imperial troops to the Indian border. The city itself is burned out and ravaged by bombs.

U. S. medium bombers, led by Capt. Walter Keating, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Col. Lloyd Dalton, Kansas City, ripped open the walls of Fort Dufferin yesterday with 500-pound and 1,000-pound bombs when it became apparent the Japanese were burning the palace. Bombing of the fort had been held up to spare the palace.

Capture of Mandalay overshadowed other developments in Burma, but it was revealed that British 36th Division troops yesterday captured Mogoke, site of the world's largest ruby mines and an important communications center 65 miles northeast of Mandalay.

Nursing Bureau Head

Health Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins yesterday announced the appointment of Hortense Hilbert as director of the Bureau of Nursing of the New York City Health Department.

Hitler Named War Criminal By London Body

LONDON, March 20 (UP).—Adolf Hitler has been listed by the Allies as an ordinary criminal and may be arraigned on the specific capital charge of organizing the Nazi gas chamber murders of Jews and others, Lord Wright, chairman of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, revealed in the House of Lords today.

The Anglo-American commission, he said, has listed Hitler and others as "murderers, assassins, thieves, torturers and the like" and plans to deal with them on that basis.

He was answering demands by members of the House of Lords, including the Archbishop of York, second ranking prelate of the Church of England, that Hitler and other war criminals be disposed of summarily as outlaws in order to avoid the risk of long and possibly abortive trials tangled in legal red tape.

Indicating for the first time the sort of specific charge which might be laid against Hitler and other major war criminals Lord Wright said that his commission was not thinking in terms of mere political crime when it listed them.

There was evidence that a single mind planned the gas chamber murders, he said, and added:

"If that were brought home to Hitler why should he not be indictable as a murderer? It is in that spirit that the commission has listed the names of these people who are called major criminals."

LONDON, March 20 (UP).—The Red Army today captured Altdamm, a suburb of Stettin and Berlin reported that the Soviets had opened an all-out attack on the big Baltic port itself, concentrating 100,000 men on a front nine miles long.



Taking a pot shot at German positions, U.S. Third Army infantrymen in Coblentz crouch in the shelter of an American tank as they pick off enemy men, then still trying to defend the city.

Other Soviet troops under the personal command of the Red Army's brilliant chief of staff, Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky, captured Braunsberg, 33 miles southwest of Koenigsberg, knocking out the next to last prop of the coastal pocket near the East Prussian capital.



Marshal Joseph Stalin detailed these victories in two orders of the day broadcast by the Moscow radio and Berlin hinted that still another Soviet triumph was in the offing, admitting a Soviet breakthrough between Danzig and Gdynia.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army swept into Altdamm after a 12-day battle on its approaches, seizing Stettin's airport site as well as an excellent springboard for the drive into the main port three and one-half miles away.

One rail and one highway causeway carry traffic from Altdamm to Stettin across the Oder delta where it flows into the Dammacher See, or upper bay, which forms the Stettin roadstead. The river has an eastern arm, passing two miles west of Altdamm, and an eastern channel which passes through the Stettin port basins, as well as several smaller outlets.

Capture of Altdamm, a town of nearly 10,000 normal population, was hailed by Stalin as "liquidating the strongly fortified German bridgehead on the right bank of the Oder east of Stettin." The Soviets now virtually control the right bank of the Oder waterway along a 150-mile course from Stettin Bay, 50 miles north of Stettin, southward to the river's confluence with the Neisse.

Marshal Vassilevsky, coupled with Zhukov in the Red Army's greatest strategy team, was revealed to have taken over command of the Third White Russian Army some time after the death in action of Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky on Feb. 13.

Vassilevsky's capture of Braunsberg left the Germans trapped along the Friesches Haff (lagoon) southwest of Koenigsberg with only one remaining stronghold at Hellingenbeil, seven miles northeast of Braunsberg.

Clayton Defends Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton told the House Banking Committee today he believed there is not "one single element of the Santa Claus philosophy" in the Bretton Woods agreements.

He declared the International Monetary Stabilization Fund and the International Bank would justify themselves in promoting international trade. The proposed fund, he held, would have no control over United States imports and exports or tariff policy.

ACW Locals Join City CIO Tonight

Delegates of 19 New York locals of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers will be sworn in as members of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council at special ceremonies at Carnegie Hall at 8 p. m. tonight (Wednesday).

Locals of the ACW, largest single union in New York, broke a 30-year tradition of non-affiliation with any central body, when they voted to affiliate to the CIO Council.

Wheeler on Food Probe Committee

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Danger that the Senate's inquiry into the food situation may be diverted into an attack on the Allied war food program was seen when the members of the Special Agricultural Subcommittee to examine the food situation were announced today.

Burton K. Wheeler, anti-war, anti-Allied Montana Democrat, and Harlan J. Bushfield, ultra-reactionary Republican from South Dakota are two out of five committee members—a dangerously large minority.

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), however, tends to support administration policies generally, but on farm questions he listens too much to the farm bloc. Tom Stewart, conservative Tennessee Democrat, and George D. Aiken, Liberal Vermont Republican, who is a farmer by occupation, are the other committee members.

Sen. Thomas announced the personnel of the subcommittee at about the time the Agriculture Department was reporting that this spring's acreage will almost touch the all-time record.

In spite of the large food production expected President Roosevelt has again warned that it will be necessary for Americans to tighten the belts a little to help feed our Allies and thus help win the war.

An Editorial

But these little men have always underestimated the American people. They thought, for example, that Americans would never take rationing. They were wrong then, and they are wrong now.

As responsible officials from the President down have pointed out, nobody is going to starve in this country. We may have to cut down a bit on our record-breaking consumption of some foods to help our Allies.

Most people will consider this small enough a sacrifice, and will insist that food shipments abroad be maintained, that war controls be kept until it is possible to relax them without harmful effect.

We're not ready for a nationwide spree to celebrate a victory which has not yet been finally secured—for which thousands of gallant men are still paying with their lives.

Americans Can Take It

BUST price ceilings on food. Lift all regulations and controls on agriculture. Stop food shipments to the hungry peoples of Europe.

These are the slogans of a powerful new offensive in Congress.

It is a curious conglomeration of forces which has joined in the latest offensive on all government war controls: spokesmen for profiteering meat packers and other industries, night club operators and regular denizens of the nation's hot spots, shortsighted businessmen and members of Congress and some die-hard Republicans who know just what they're doing.

At every crucial stage in the war effort, obstructionists and America Firsters have rarely attacked the national will directly. Aided by selfish interests, they have more often launched a flank attack against essen-

tial war controls.

This is again the case today. To lift government controls now would disrupt the war effort as it enters its climactic phase in Europe. It would threaten an orderly transition to a peacetime economy.

Perhaps most important, any yielding to the demand for curtailing food shipments to Europe would put in question our entire foreign policy. Will our Allies feel that they can count on us for postwar cooperation if we cannot spare them a little food in their hour of need?

Men like Sen. Wherry of Nebraska, who are in the forefront of the attack on government controls, think they have something now. They think they can create a national food panic which will accomplish the double purpose of breaking war controls and alienating our Allies.

New OPA Markup Order Paves Way for Lower Priced Clothing

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The new OPA price order freezing retailers' markups for clothing, textiles, furniture and house furnishings at present levels was seen here yesterday as a move to facilitate the reduction of consumer prices.

It is part of a plan undertaken by the Office of Price Administration and War Production Board that would bring back many low-priced items eliminated by manufacturers for more lucrative lines.

The new price order does away with the General Maximum Price Regulation in the above-named commodities.

Instead of forcing retailers to sell commodities at ceilings determined by GMPR, the OPA now demands that the mark-up over "net invoice cost" remain the same for the retailer no matter what the wholesale price is. The wholesale price will be frozen stiff, it is hoped, under the maximum average price plan, scheduled to go into effect June 1.

STYLE CHANGES

Previously, it was impossible to keep prices of clothing, let us say, to ceiling prices. Each season's styles would call for new changes giving the manufacturer more chances to take his dresses out of the low-priced range. And while the wholesaler increased his price to the retailer, the retailer would in turn not only increase his but jump his mark-up considerably.

With the freezing of the mark-up, it is hoped by OPA that some stability in prices will be maintained and that it won't make so much dif-

ference to the retailer what price line he sells.

Under the order retail stores must, by April 20, file price charts listing the items offered for sale on March 19, 1945, the base day, which will include invoice prices and mark-ups.

The OPA maintains that under the new plan consumers will be able to determine at a glance what the price should be. However, consumers will have to rely on retailers for honest listings of mark-ups.

The OPA will shortly issue an order for manufacturers (the Maximum Average Price order) requiring clothing producers to arrange their price lines so that the weighted average of all such lines will be equal to the average level of the four selling seasons from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943. This plan is being fought by manufacturers because it will force them to return to lower priced lines.

The War Production Board has already issued an order listing lower priced articles of apparel which will get first call on fabrics available after the war agencies have had their pick. After that, whatever fabrics are left will be "free for higher priced lines. Upon the success of this order (known as M-338) depends the success of the manufacturers' Maximum Average Price order, and the present retailers' mark-up freeze order.

News Capsules

Latex Corp. Sues Pegler

The International Latex Corp., Dover, Del., producer of war materials, filed a libel suit for \$2,000,000 against the columnist WESTBROOK PEGLER and his owner, Hearst. A. N. Spanel, president of Latex, filed an individual suit for \$1,000,000. Pegler last Thursday ridiculed the company's voluntary and unsolicited refund of more than \$1,000,000 of its profits to the War Dept. and attacked the full-page Latex advertisements in support of Wallace's employment program, the battle against inflation and Allied unity in war and peace. Max Swiren, company attorney, declared that "with utter irresponsibility, Pegler treats these public service advertisements as Russian Communist propaganda." He added the Herald-American, Hearst's newspaper in Chicago, headlined the Pegler column "Communists Go Big Business to Trick United States."

I. W. Wilson, vice-president of the ALUMINUM CO. OF AMERICA, said yesterday that if Germany and Japan are forbidden to

produce aluminum after the war, they will be unable to build a new war machine. "Aluminum plants," Wilson told the Senate Small Business Committee, "cannot be hidden, and consequently a prohibition against their existence could be easily policed."

The HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE yesterday rejected an administration proposal for scaling down Agricultural Adjustment Administration payments by one-third on 1946 crops. . . . All key Commodity Credit Corp. officials are being investigated, it was revealed yesterday. Frank Hancock, CCC president, informed the House Agriculture Committee of the investigations following charges of irregularities and inefficiency. His testimony also disclosed the names of two CCC employees with old criminal records.

The capital's Japanese CHERRY TREES began blooming yesterday, anticipating the arrival of spring—due at 7:38 p.m., EWT—by several hours. They will be in full flower today. Efforts have been made to give the trees a new name. Someone suggested "Korean cherry trees." This year the National Park Service called them "Oriental flowering cherry trees."

. . . Those sophisticated EGGS that stand on end in New York don't have anything on their country cousins from Illinois. An Illinois egg will stand on end, too. Two eggs did it yesterday in the Chicago United Press Bureau. They stood up all night on a kitchen table.

More than 22,400 families were evacuated from their homes and almost 24,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed in the OHIO RIVER'S recent flood, said Joseph L. Carter, director of the central headquarters of the American Red Cross Ohio Valley relief operations.



A crippled B-24 Liberator, hit over Germany while attacking rail yards at Munster, heads earthward in flames.

Mother Held In Child's Death

Mrs. Ethel O'Brien, 25 years old, of 748 E. 179 St., the Bronx, was arrested on a first degree manslaughter charge following the death by smoke poisoning of her two-year-old son Robert. Her husband is in the Army.

The child was found suffocated in his crib by Fireman James Murphy, who entered the top floor three-room apartment by means of a fire escape. The locked door was battered down by other firemen.

Assistant District Attorney James Carney said that the child was alone in the apartment at the time of the fire and the mother was at a neighborhood tavern.

Parrot That Knew Admiral Dewey Dies

ALBANY, March 20 (UP).—"Pat," a pet parrot who served aboard the battleship Indiana during the Spanish-American war and who could swear in two languages, died today. He was more than 100 years old.

"Many was the time that Pat's head was scratched by Admiral Dewey," said his owner, Mrs. Jeanette B. Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly received Pat 35 years ago upon the death of her grandmother, who had kept him for more than 50 years—except for the period of his sea career.

2 White Attackers of Negro in Alabama Jailed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 20.—Two white men who attacked an aged Negro have been sentenced to 180 days in jail and fined \$100 each. They had been charged with assault and battery, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

J. D. Biles and A. U. McCray, the two convicted men, had beaten Tom Barber after accusing him of not paying in full for some coal and wood.

The two white men were arrested by two white policemen who ap-

400 at Jersey Hearing Urge Teeth in FEPC

Special to the Daily Worker

TRENTON, N. J., March 20.—

Seven amendments to put teeth into the Republican-sponsored Hill bill for a Fair Employment Practice Committee were urged today at a public hearing on the bill on the State Assembly. Some 400 delegates representing several million people, labelled the Hill bill as it now stands a "device to appease the people," and "virtually impotent."

The amendments, sponsored by Trenton's Committee for Unity would provide for a separate department for FEPC and would change a violation from a misdemeanor to a "disorderly conduct act."

Carl Holderman, State FEPC chairman said that the CIO would "stump the state" if the original Hill bill went through.

J. James Fleming, regional director for Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania for the Federal FEPC reminded the body that the Federal FEPC is only a wartime measure covering plants with war contracts, and the need for strong state laws against discrimination is acute.

James Imbrie, whose Independent Citizens League sponsored the original Democratic FEPC bill, said the amendments would "insure a strong FEPC for the people of New Jersey."

At one point, a member of the Good-Will Commission which would be taken over by FEPC under the Hill provisions urged that these agencies be "separate and apart," and said that "each would drain strength from the other, thereby destroying the commission and emasculating the FEPC."

Of all the delegates present only two endorsed the Hill Bill without reservation, former Assemblyman Randolph and Burrell, both Republicans from Essex.

Among the groups on record for amending the bill are the CIO, some AFL locals, the NACP, the Committee to Combat Discrimination, the Newark Branch of Postal Employees, the Urban League, Textile Workers Union, League for Women Shoppers, Mercer City Citizens Legislative Conference, CPA, IWO, Jewish Community Relations Committee of Essex, Hadassah League for Labor, B'nai B'rith Shalom and the American Jewish Congress.

Assembly Leader Jones announced that hearings would be continued next Tuesday at 10 a.m.

GROPPERGRAMS



In all the disclosures about the Brooklyn College basketball case, there is no balm in Gideonse.

If Gropper can use your original gag you will receive \$1. Address Groppergrams, care Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St.

Albany GOP Ups Charges On Small Homes

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Mar. 20.—The Republican majority in the State Senate rode roughshod today over attempts to continue the current mortgage moratorium for small home owners and to allocate the remaining \$115,000,000 allowed for public housing by the State Constitution.

Last night the same GOP majority killed the Halpern bill to extend unemployment insurance to employers of one or more workers, instead of four or more as the law now reads.

It failed, however, to defeat the Desmond measure to increase State penalties for price violations from \$25 maximum fine to \$500 and from five days in jail to 30 days. But it compelled Senator Thomas E. Desmond, independent Republican, from Orange County, to water down his measure considerably by making it necessary to prove "willful" violation before penalties can be applied. The Desmond bill was passed 38 to 15, all in opposition being Republicans, including Senators Bainbridge, Coudert, Brown and Fino from New York City.

The GOP leaders slipped over a bill introduced at the last minute by Sen. Codney Kanes of Rochester to increase the amortization in mortgage moratoriums to three per cent in place of the current two percent, after it was generally believed the present moratorium would be continued. Two amendments offered by Democrats to retain the two per cent or to increase it to three percent only where the interest rates are five per cent or less were beaten down.

HOUSING PLANS

Democratic efforts to amend the Coudert public housing bill, which allocates only \$35,000,000 as proposed by Gov. Dewey, were defeated on a voice vote, with the GOP lined up against the Democrats' \$115,000,000 proposal.

The Halpern unemployment insurance bill, strongly backed both by AFL and CIO, was defeated last night by the close vote of 28 to 26.

The Assembly completed action last night and today on two companion measures to the State FEPC, sponsored by the Ives anti-discrimination committee. One, the Austin-Mahoney bill, would give the Attorney General power to supersede local district attorneys to ensure proper prosecution against violators of any anti-discrimination laws including orders of the FEPC. The second, the Bannigan-Hammond bill, simply amends all anti-discrimination laws to apply uniformly to race, color, creed or national origin.

New Yorkers who voted against the Austin-Mahoney bill, which carried 122 to 10 in the Assembly, were John R. Brook and Archibald Douglas, Manhattan, Frank J. McMullen, Brooklyn, Thomas F. Hurley, Queens, all Republicans; and Charles J. Dalzell, Queens Democrat. Dalzell is the first Democrat to break ranks in the Assembly on progressive legislation.

Leads Police to Murder Scenes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 20. (UP).—James W. Hall, 24, self-styled hitchhike-murder artist, who has admitted slaying six persons in the past seven years, led officers today to Conway, the scene of his final confessed crime, the murder of J. D. Newcomb, Jr., Arkansas labor department chief boiler inspector.

Yesterday, Hall had led Arkansas officers to a point near Stuttgart, where they said he reenacted the robbery-murder of Doyle Mulherin, Little Rock truck driver.

Union Lookout

- Reconversion Conference
- Union School in Spanish

by Dorothy Loeb

More than 300 trade union leaders are expected to attend a Metropolitan area conference on reconversion and related problems at Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48 St., this Saturday and Sunday. The Negro Labor Victory Committee is sponsor. Many national labor leaders are giving the meeting their support. . . . The Jewish Peoples Committee has sent CIO President Philip Murray a letter of appreciation for the leadership taken by CIO delegates at the London labor conference. . . . The CIO United Steelworkers has won a contract at Rustless Iron & Steel Corp., Baltimore. It's not only the contract that's important here though it's the first negotiated. Fact is that no issues were in dispute and that it didn't have to go to the War Labor Board or to arbitration. It's a two-year agreement.

The National Maritime Union, always a pioneer in trade union education, has a leadership school going in Spanish for many Spanish-speaking brothers. Another NMU school was concluded recently for rivermen in Memphis. It ran for a week and got rave notices from the students. . . . NMU had petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an Esso election. On account of John L. Lewis, the NLRB won't be able to touch the petition until after April 1. NLRB Examiner James A. Jaffee wrote the union attorney that taking Lewis' strike vote will require the services of many of the board's staff and that he himself will be busy in the coal fields. Dan Boane, NMU tanker coordinator, told the seamen: "That's just one more instance of Lewis' disruptive influence."

A biographical sketch of R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, written by Charles Dexter, will appear in the May issue of Readers Scope. He tells one story about how R. J. did his first organizing. It was at Cadillac in Detroit in 1929. Layoffs were hitting all around, but Thomas and his fellow welders were still working on Saturdays. The future UAW leader got a bright idea. Why not pool layoff time so we could make a few dollars weekends doing something else, he suggested. Workers agreed and he made a protest to the foreman. Came Saturday and he was fired. Cadillac had no use for "agitators." The next time he came before the management he had a union behind him.

A labor-education conference, sponsored by AFL, CIO and the Connecticut State Teachers Association, held in Hartford recently, heard Harold V. Feinmark, AFL state secretary, call for labor representation on every school board. . . . Pvt. Philip H. van Gelder, national secretary-treasurer of the CIO Shipbuilders, is assigned somewhere in the Appennines (Italy) working in the supply section of the Signal Corps.

Company Union Hides in MESA from NLRB Order

By Federated Press

LOS ANGELES, March 20 (FP).—The Cannon Employees Association, which the National Labor Relations Board charges is a company union at Cannon Electric Co. here, voted 600 to 200 to affiliate with the Mechanics Educational Society of America in a move aimed at averting a possible NLRB dissolution order.

The hookup with MESA "is only the beginning," Richard Franklin, company union leader and foster

father of the CEA, told CIO organizers. Both the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) and International Association of Machinists (AFL) filed complaints against the Cannon outfit, which led to scheduling of NLRB hearings.

"We've got a small rubber plant on the way," Franklin said, "and we're going to move into tool and die plants the United Auto Workers (CIO) are trying to organize."

The move substantiates a report by The Labor Herald, official newspaper of the California CIO Council, that MESA Sec. Matthew Smith was planning to join hands with Franklin, possibly to set up a holding company for company unions on the west coast.

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Strike Will Alienate Public, Says Anthracite Mine Local

Special to the Daily Worker

MAHANOEY CITY, Pa., March 20.—Officers of the United Mine Workers were urged to avoid any stoppage in coal production through an agreement to continue negotiations on a retroactive basis, in a resolution passed by Local 866, UMW.

The local, one of the largest in the anthracite, added that: "This is to atone ourselves for the past mistakes made, and gain the confidence and assurance of the public of our loyalty and willingness to continue production until final victory is won."

[Mahanoe City's local is the first from the anthracite to act. Thus far, such resolutions have come from various soft coal regions whose contract deadline falls on April 1, a month earlier.]

After describing the great stake that all of humanity has in victory over fascism, the resolution of Local 866 reminded John L. Lewis that:

"In excess of 100,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America, along with tens of thousands of relatives, friends and associates in uniform, are actively engaged in this conflict against a fanatical enemy."

"It becomes the duty of every member of the UMW to remain at his post of duty to produce the commodities for the successful of the war."

The retroactive provision is asked because of the "no contract, no work" tradition in the coal fields.

Asks Extra WMC Funds to Aid Vets

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for \$93,872,900 to operate the War Manpower Commission during the fiscal year beginning July 1. This was an increase of about \$24,000,000 over WMC appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Roosevelt said the increase was due largely to the addition of 596 local employment offices to the U. S. Employment Office to provide employment facilities for returning veterans under the GI Bill of Rights.

Browder Speaks in Detroit April 5

DETROIT, March 20.—Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, will discuss Teheran-Crimea-San Francisco, Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p. m. at the Greystone Ballroom, 4237 Woodward Ave.

Miss Celeste Cole, distinguished Negro singer, accompanied at the piano by Miss Evelyn Gurvitch, will render a number of classical and folk songs of the United Nations.

Tickets, which are priced at 60 cents and \$1, tax included, can be obtained at 645 Randolph St., 902 Lawyers Building.

Lewis, Operators Talk Precious Time Away

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—The soft coal operators and John L. Lewis traded hot words today after failing again to make headway toward a new working agreement.

With but 11 days to go before the present contract expires, they accused each other of an uncooperative attitude.

Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the operators, conceded no progress has been made, and criticized the United Mine Workers for "summarily rejecting" the producers' answer to the union's 18 contract demands.

Lewis accused O'Neill of presenting "false, misleading and distorted" information.

He said the operators had refused his requests that a national conference of all soft coal producers be called. Lewis wanted to put up to

the group the operators' contention that they have no authority to grant the union's demand for a royalty of 10 cents a ton.

Both sides said they knew nothing of Government plans to take over the mines to avoid a work stoppage after the present contract expires.

A strike vote will be taken among the Miners March 23 to see if they want to strike in the event Lewis' demands are not met.

President Roosevelt refused to discuss the possibility of government action when questioned at his press conference.

Philly Transit Tries New Anti-Union Plan

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—The Philadelphia Transportation Co., which dodged all responsibility in the scandalous "white supremacy" strike that paralyzed transit here

last summer, despite strong implications of complicity, is out on a new union-busting spree.

Management has refused to bargain in good faith with the CIO Transport Workers Union and has countered demands for improvements in wages and working conditions with proposals which, in technique reminiscent of the strike, would pit one section of the workers against another.

Essence of management's proposals is a scheme to give one group raises by penalizing another.

Although PTC escaped formal condemnation in legal proceedings last week that closed the book on the "white supremacy" strike, U. S. District Court Judge George A. Welsh, defense attorneys and a Special Assistant U. S. Attorney all joined in pointing accusing fingers at corporation officials who had escaped grand jury indictment.

HITS "HIGHER UPS"

Judge Welsh, who had charged last summer that the strike was designed by "higher-ups" to influence the outcome of the Pres-

dential election, said last week as 27 strikers were fined \$100 each under the Smith-Connally law:

"To believe that men such as these were the sole cause would mean that I am believing a fantasy."

"There was no outcry from the directors of the company for any action. No meeting was called to confer, discuss or request action. That to me is unusual. Whatever significance it has is not for me to say."

"The public has a right to be angry, a right to criticize. However, they had a right to carry their anger to the end of the road and not have it vented on 30 men when 10,000 were involved."

The prosecutor echoed the judge's regret that higher-ups had escaped punishment.

"We did not at the outset hope to return indictments only against these bus drivers, conductors and motormen," he said. "But that was as far as we could go. We have failed in producing anything else."

UE District 4

Backs Foster Event

The executive board of District 4 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers has endorsed the testimonial dinner to be held for William Z. Foster this Friday night at Tom Mooney Hall, Ben Gold and Louis Weinstock, co-chairmen in charge, announced yesterday.

The dinner will celebrate 50 years of service by Foster, a national vice-president of the Communist Political Association, in the labor movement. Most of the more than 250 who have already indicated they will attend are members of CIO and AFL unions. The dinner, which will honor Foster's achievements as a fighter for industrial unionism, organizing the unorganized and international labor unity, will begin at 7 p.m.

WPB Survey Shows Wide Union Support for Incentive Plans

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Indicative of labor and management support of new wage incentive plans for increasing war production, a survey completed by the WPB Management Consultant Division of 1,972 new plans on which sponsorship information is available shows that almost half of them were jointly requested by labor and management, WPB reported.

Of 1,972 extra-payment plans proposed in the last 22 months on which data are available, 958 or 48.6 percent were joint labor-management requests, and 1,014 or 51.4 percent were requested by management alone, as no certified bargaining agency existed in the plants at the time of application for WLB approval, WPB reported. WPB regu-

lations provide that any new wage incentive plan submitted for approval must have the concurrence of the union where one exists and has been designated as the employees' collective bargaining agency.

The union-sponsored plans cover a greater number of workers than the plans for plants without unions. A tabulation of the requests shows:

		Percent
CIO	530	26.9
AFL	305	14.4
Independent	123	6.3
	958	48.6
No unions	1014	51.4
Totals	1972	100.0

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Finland's New Road

FINLAND, you will remember, was one of the last German satellites to drop out of the war. She is the first country in liberated Europe to hold a formal election, which has resulted in a substantial victory for the Democratic Alliance, dedicated to friendship with the United Nations, particularly with the Soviet Union. The elections demonstrate the reality of Finland's new independence; but they also give us a glimpse of how all of Europe is breaking with the old, rotten past. It is something to cheer about. And you will be able to recognize Finland's true friends by whether they join in congratulations to the new Finland, whether they draw honest conclusions from the past, and for the future.

Finland, after all, was the hotbed of pro-German influence over two decades. Her working class, smothered by the unholy terror of the early '20s and early '30s, was under the grip of Vaino Tanner, a bitter Russia-hater, an ugly specimen of Social-Democratic collaboration with fascism. Even on the eve of this election, the psychological advantages were still on the side of the Tannerites, who controlled much of the state apparatus, meeting-halls, and newspapers. Yet the people of Finland came out to the polls in unprecedented numbers, casting more than 1,800,000 votes. And the Democratic Alliance, consisting of left-Socialists, Communists and independent intellectuals, gained at least 51 votes in a parliament of 200.

These gains came not only from the old-line Social Democrats but also from the Agrarians and other middle class parties. Undoubtedly, many Social Democrat deputies (52 seats) will vote with the Alliance, as will the representatives of the other parties. In other words, the most forward-looking forces have not only achieved a decisive position in the working class but have enlisted large sections of the nation as a whole. Thus a new chapter opens up for Finland. And the next phase of progress will not only take place in the parliament but in the political battles yet to be fought, purging the country of its fascists and reconstructing a workable economy.

Those who say that all this is "Moscow-inspired" are flying in the face of the facts and missing the whole point. Certainly this means a new relation to the Soviet Union, and certainly, the Soviet Union's application of the United Nations policy has contributed to the new turn of events inside of Finland. But, equally important, the election registers the actual independence of the Finnish people, the first real freedom from pro-German domination which they have had in 25 years. Who can seriously deny the free, authentic character of the voting itself?

Second, these results show how the Crimea decisions can be realized in life for a single country as they will be for all of Europe. It shows how the Soviet Union's application of these decisions advances the interests of all the United Nations. And there's a lesson in that for our own country and Britain in Italy and surely in Greece.

The American people will be watching in these next days for the reaction of those newspapers and public figures who found praise for Finland only when she sided with Germany. Let us see whether they have the honesty and decency to join in good wishes for Finland now that her people are on the United Nations road.

How About It, Mr. Mayor?

JUST a few days ago Capt. Patterson's New York Daily News ran a full length editorial and a cartoon lampooning Mayor LaGuardia. The mayor, it seems, was a would-be dictator for enforcing the 12 o'clock curfew.

But yesterday the News ran another editorial, this time lavishly praising the mayor for defying the nationwide curfew. Now LaGuardia was described as sort of an Horatio at the bridge withstanding the legions of Washington bureaucrats.

We suspect that hizzoner is not too happy about Capt. Patterson's acclaim or about the news from Washington that his action has led to a general weakening of the curfew.

This is a new role for Mayor LaGuardia, assisting the offensive of the obstructionists against necessary war controls. In the past the mayor has always helped make New York a thoroughly war-conscious city.

Whatever the reason for his recent action, there is no good reason why he can't change his mind and put New York back on the beam. Why not say it was all a mistake, Mr. Mayor, and ask the city council to enforce its legislation setting the curfew at midnight?

HONORING WILLKIE?



— Between the Lines —

The Coming Elections in Britain

by Joseph Starobin

ORDINARILY, a speech from Winston Churchill tells us something about political affairs in Europe, about relations among the great powers. But last Thursday the British Premier delivered an address to the Tory Party conference which focusses attention on Britain's internal affairs. And these affairs are coming to a crisis in the next few months in the form of a national election. Fantastic as it may sound, the present House of Commons came to office in the dim, dead days beyond recall—November, 1935. In thinking about the future of Anglo-Soviet-American relations, we are accustomed to worry about Europe or Asia. But there is much more cause for attention—and worry—about Britain itself.



Though the campaign will unfold only after Germany's defeat, Mr. Churchill made an electioneering speech. All the advantages were on his side, since he brings to the Tories the prestige of a successful war effort and a foreign policy of alliance with the Soviet Union and the United States. And Churchill made the most of his advantages.

For example, he championed the cause of national unity. He offered to form a unity cabinet while the elections are being held, thus placing on the Labor and Liberal leaders the burden of withdrawing from the coalition to enjoy what he called the "luxuries of party strife." And Churchill even suggested his readiness to resume the coalition if the Tories win.

On economic policy, Churchill rejected the Labor Party and Trade Union demand for nationalization of the coal, fuel, steel and transport industries. He used the clever grounds that such a basic decision should not be made behind the backs of the British soldiers. Although the government's ambitious social security program is the product of the Tory-Labor-Liberal coalition, Churchill took full credit for it; thus, he was able to pose national insurance, educational reform, the projected housing program and

the historic expansion of British agriculture as immediate benefits to the people compared with the "visionary" proposals of the opposition.

Finally, Churchill upheld the policy of maintaining the Empire as it is today—the "foundation of British liberty" and essential to postwar prosperity. Not a word about India or Burma, either in terms of their self-government or their industrialization.

Thus, the British Tories emerge as the saviors of the country, as the "safe and sane" planners for the future, all of which is quite fantastic when you remember how Tory policy brought the British nation to the brink of ruin five years ago, and what a heavy responsibility these same Tories bear for encouraging Hitlerism and opening the gates of eastern Asia to Japan.

Problem of Leadership Faces Labor Party

But it is easier to expose Churchill than to oppose him successfully. Here is where the British Labor Party is making its most serious mistakes, and is really abdicating national leadership in advance of the elections.

A year ago February, the conservative Daily Express carried a poll which showed that the Tories had 37 percent of the votes, Labor about 29 percent, the Liberals about 12 percent, Commonwealth some 8 percent, and the Communists a little more than 5 percent. The pro-Labor News Chronicle, some time earlier, gave the Tories considerably less and the Labor Party somewhat more.

But both figures show that the Labor Party can win the election only if it unites with the Liberals, Commonwealth and the Communists. If these parties all put up separate candidates for each seat, the Tories will certainly win, even though they are a minority party, and have been for a generation.

The sad fact is that the Labor leadership shows no sign of uniting all progressive forces in Britain. It has not even as much as considered the attempt to split

the Tories. At the same time it has united the Left.

To make matters worse the Labor leaders have not taken the political initiative on any major issues. They have left the national unity appeal completely to Churchill himself. The important distinction between state controls of British economy and nationalization has been badly muddled. By favoring controls, Labor might overcome its other handicaps; but by opposing nationalization, Churchill will win the middle classes. And with their loose propaganda about introducing socialism in Britain the day after the elections, the Labor leaders have not helped matters.

Failure to Meet Issue of Empire

The same can be said for the issue of the Empire. If Labor came forward boldly and showed the vital importance of a new deal in the British Empire, of industrializing India through her own national government, as against the open oppression which characterizes Tory policy, they might get somewhere. The British people may not wish to give up the Empire but it can be shown that the Tory policy is the fastest way of losing it. Failing to adopt such an approach, Labor lets the Tories play upon traditions of the Empire and enables the Tories to argue that England would starve without it.

It is possible, that, despite everything, Labor may still gain a majority, and form a coalition under its own leadership. But it is even more probable that the Tories, following Churchill's line, will return to power especially in view of the war yet to be fought in Asia. Such an outcome can result in a considerable demoralization of the labor movement and a swing of the middle classes, leaving a ripe soil for all kinds of fascist tendencies. That outcome in one of the vital pillars of the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition can seriously affect the heavy battles to eradicate fascism in Europe, America and Asia.

Worth Repeating

BRETTON WOODS is staunchly supported by an editorial in the current (March 19) New Republic, which concludes: Let the members of Congress beware! If they vote against Bretton Woods in substantially its present form, they are voting for long continued worldwide poverty and misery, and the likelihood of another world war.

Schuyler Plays Left Tackle for Racists

THERE appeared in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Daily Worker* an article on "White Supremacy—A Fascist Weapon." It was an expose of the native ideology of racism by Archibald Rutledge of South Carolina which appeared in the *American Mercury* for December. Rutledge's thesis was that differences between races prevent forever the Negro and white man living on the basis of political and social equality and that any attempt to bring about better race relations in this country aiming at establishing full rights for the Negro people would lead to disastrous race clashes. It was an open appeal for anti-Negro attacks and widespread disorders based on the Hitlerian ideology of white supremacy.



In the same *American Mercury* was an article by George Schuyler, supposedly speaking in behalf of the Negro people, against racism. But in reality Schuyler sustained Rutledge's position in the reverse. Schuyler's article was entitled "More Race Riots Are Coming." This was the central theme of both articles. And it explains why Schuyler was chosen to play the role he did. The division of labor here is perfect. What the fascist-minded people of this country want is not to ameliorate relations between the races and to establish the democratic rights for Negro citizens, but to aggravate these relations and maintain the Negro people in an inferior status in American life.

The majority of the American people who constitute the democratic core of the nation

by James W. Ford

desire a strong and united nation to meet the problems of war and postwar reconstruction. To this end the policy of the government has been directed. The chief obstacle to the government's policy of breaking down discrimination and establishing full rights for Negro citizens is a small minority of monopoly capitalists. Their spokesmen among the whites are the Negro baiters and racists.

Among the Negro people it is a small clique who try to get them to oppose the war and to accept the thesis that economic, political and social advances are impossible of achievement because allegedly the entire white population is against them.

SCHUYLER declares that the Negro people have made no lasting advances. He poses the question that race riots are inevitable after the war and he places the "inevitability" of postwar race riots upon the Negro people themselves and upon the labor and democratic forces in the nation. Schuyler openly declared in his article that the "wildcat strike of white transit workers in Philadelphia," the "tragic disturbances in such war centers as New York," discrimination in industry and Jim Crow in the armed forces were the work of the government and the entire labor movement. "Segregation, by and large," says Schuyler, "is still the national policy" and, he adds, "ultimately, one fears, this policy must end in civil war."

"The demands of the Negro nation will not be stopped without conflict," says Schuyler, and he asks the question: "How can population

deep-seated conflicting ambitions be resolved without strife?" This is the whole thesis of Rutledge and it says that not the fascist-minded people but the Negro people will provoke civil war and strife in the nation. It is to say that the Negroes themselves provoked the anti-Negro attacks in Detroit that they themselves are hell bent on causing turmoil in our country. This of course is not what the Negro people want. They want democracy and the recognition of their rights within the framework of our American way of life.

THE Negro people have to take note of what has happened to advance the struggle for Negro rights in the war, of the perspective of advancing these rights as we approach the military defeat of Germany and the destruction of fascist racism; of the perspectives inherent in the Crimean agreements; of the United Nations conference scheduled for San Francisco; of the great achievements at the recent world trade union conference.

Those who hold to the brief that race riots are inevitable after the war are playing Hitler's game and they must be curbed. By 111 to 14, the Texas House of Representatives has voted to investigate anti-labor and pro-fascist outfits, including the Christian Americans, Fight for Free Enterprise, National Association of Manufacturers as well as company union activities among the Negro people. Thus Texas and other Southern states are beginning to move into the main stream of American democracy. This development must have the full support of all democratic forces including the Negro people. Racism whether direct or in reverse must be rooted out of American life.

Let's Face It

ONE of the most interesting aspects of the current session of the State Legislature has been the political battle for the farm vote.

That there is such a battle is a significant fact in state politics because the Democrats, at least in recent years, have made no effort to challenge GOP domination on the countryside. The general attitude of the Farleyite leadership was that the Democratic Party was a consumer's party, which they interpreted to mean anti-farmer.



This placed that party under a severe handicap in state elections, as well as in the congressional contests. For while the vote of those directly engaged in farming activities is not above half a million, or less than a tenth of the total state electorate, the GOP majority is so great there that it accounts for a third to a half of the Republican upstate plurality.

In addition, political currents among the farmers tend to influence hundreds of thousands of voters.

The fact that the Democrats have finally challenged this GOP domination, a process that started with the '44 election campaign, is indicative of the changed character of its state leadership. The steps taken are, as yet, rather halting and slow, but all evidence points

by Max Gordon

to the fact that they are registering.

For one thing, they have shaken the Republicans out of their complacency and compelled them to make some initial gestures toward doing something for the farmers. Because the farmers have no authentic voice to speak for them, except the relatively small Farmers Union, they have gotten nothing from the Dewey Administration since it took office except feed shortage scares and attacks on the federal program.

THE Democrats have only a single legislator from a purely rural county, James G. Lyons of Sullivan County. Assemblyman Lyons, a farmer himself, is a capable, progressive legislator who is thoroughly familiar with rural political developments. He told me recently that within the last couple of years New York farmers have been gradually changing their position toward the national administration.

He cited the reaction toward the Wallace confirmation struggle. A couple of years ago, he maintained, farmers would boo at the mention of Wallace. Yet the prevailing attitude toward the recent Senate battle was: "Look what they're trying to do to the one guy who really helped us."

He also called my attention to the fact that

Democrats Challenge GOP in Farm Area

one of those who fought for the subsidy program in the House a couple of weeks ago was Rep. Edwin A. Hall, reactionary Republican from the state's southern tier. This, he said, was a reflection of the changed attitude of the farmers toward subsidies, which even the farm lobby crowd in the state does not dare buck.

Assemblyman Lyons also noted that the pro-Farley, anti-FDR county Democratic chairmen in the rural areas are gradually being cleaned out. In his own county, he said, the chairman saw the handwriting on the wall and resigned. The new chairman is pledged to back FDR's policies.

LYONS' major complaint was that all periodicals that reach the farmers are published by the most reactionary circles in the nation, like Gannett and Pew, and little is done to counteract their influence. In that connection, I understand that the Farmers for Roosevelt which was set up in the recent campaign plans to continue with the aim of winning the farmers for a program of world collaboration and full employment after the war.

The Sullivan County assemblyman told me that the decisions of the recent Farm Bureau national convention on behalf of that program has caused something of a sensation in state political ranks, and Democratic leaders are watching closely to see how they work out in practice.

Labor Education Leaps Far Ahead

the tremendous new resources for understanding that are being developed all around them, as well as make their own contribution to those resources. Of the seven items, four deal with the former, a new play, running time 25 minutes, prepared by Stage for Action on the Philadelphia Transit walkout, to show "the use of the race question to divide workers"; a series of informal forums organized by the East-West Association on the labor movements of Europe; a "Health Council Institute," arranged by the American Labor Party to help trade unionists with such problems as "health insurance plans, nutrition, health legislation . . ."; and the announcement of a new directory of available exhibits.

On the other hand, announcement is already made of a CIO Housing and Community Planning Conference, to be held on April 7; and educational workers are reminded of the "Newspaper Forum of the Air," conducted each Tuesday night at 9 over WMCA by the New York Newspaper Guild, with "name" people from public life interviewed by guildsmen on such questions as "Should Wages Go Up in Wartime?" and "Is New York a Jim-crow Town?" Is it time too far ahead to look forward to the thinking these bulletins, and the work of the new Education Committee altogether, will have become a must for every civic worker in any field?

Making the Grade

"PEOPLE everywhere," said the Most Rev. Bernard J. Shell, Senior Auxiliary Bishop

of Chicago, in his opening address to the CIO National Convention last November, "are asking questions. . . . These are questions which ruthlessly cut across all lines of race, of political beliefs, of national differences. . . . And they are questions upon the answers to which the existence of democracy depends. . . . It seems to me that labor is the one group which can and will give the best and most concrete answers. . . ."



A month ago, the determination that "the best and most concrete answers" should have the widest circulation within the ranks of organized labor itself, to begin with, brought together 90-odd trade-union educational directors and members of education committees in a conference sponsored by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council. Out of that first exploratory get-together there has already emerged an Education Committee, with representatives from such outstanding unions as Fur, UE, Shoe, Transport, Office and Professional Workers, State, County, and others; the first of a series of "Educational Resources" bulletins; and plans for the next conference,

by Harold Collins

in which the questions of the no-strike pledge and the War Labor Board will be discussed by educational staffs, not so much from the point of view of arriving at policy, as of determining how labor's policy on these questions can be best brought to their memberships, and to the general public.

Here is "labor statesmanship" in the field of education. Conscious of the great gaps that have still continued to exist between the hammering-out of policy by executive bodies, and the full understanding of those policies by the mass of the rank-and-file trade-unionists, not to speak of the non-union worker and the public generally, the men and women who took part in that first conference were simply applying in practice an "old American custom," for which striking new examples are daily emerging on a world and national scale. It reads something like this: "We have a common problem. It will not be solved alone by any of us. Therefore let us sit down together to solve it."

THE conference made one very significant step further. Its first bulletin is already evidence of how well it grasped the fact that the trade-unions today can and must draw on

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Cigarettes And Chicago

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I just read John Meldon's article about the cigarette shortage. I think you will be interested to know what is going on in Chicago. There are plenty of cigarettes, But:

The majority of cigar store managers and some other stores selling cigarettes, take 90 percent of the cigarettes home with them and then re-sell to their "friends" who are offering them all over the city for \$3.00 a carton.

Liquor stores will sell you a carton of good, well-known brands for \$3.00 "if" you are willing to buy from them a bottle of rotten rum which they could not sell for a long time.

Some of the cigar stores, just keep face will not sell junk.

Right in the heart of the city, some men are peddling good brands for 30 cents per package and are also able, in a few instances, to bring a carton for sale.

This is the truth about the cigarette shortage in Chicago.

A CHICAGOAN.

Thank You

Bronx

Editor, Daily Worker:

Three suggestions for the "Daily!" 1. A human interest feature once a day; 2. A regular daily medical column, to supplement what's now running; 3. A fuller radio program.

FRANK RYAN.

Wants Organisation To Spread Facts

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to suggest the formation of an organization, to distribute literature for all organizations interested in victory and peace, and especially labor. Let's name this organization, The American Home Front Knowledge, with an office in every major city and every major local union. The job of this organization would be to give information in leaflet and pamphlet form about the happenings in big conferences, discussions and decisions. These could run from the Atlantic Charter to the London and Crimea Conferences. The idea would be to get out the information on all these things in simple popular form. Too much stuff is in such language that only the highly educated can make it out.

ANDREU KOURAMBIS

Bretton Woods Agreement Text

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

May I congratulate Robert Minor for his fine and clear article in the *Daily Worker* of March 6. And would you please tell me where I could get a copy of the Bretton Woods Conference decisions. Lots of people here on 20th Street and soldiers abroad from this neighborhood do not know what "Dumbarton Oaks" is and I want to help tell them about all these things.

HENRY HUDSON

[Ed. Note:—The Bretton Woods agreement is a long and technical document, which can be obtained by writing to the State Department in Washington.]

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Liberated Polish Priests Reopen Churches Desecrated by Nazis

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Slovaks Kill Nazi Officer

In Zilina, SLOVAKIA, 25 armed German soldiers helped Slovak partisans to kill a German officer. Some desertions to the patriots have been reported. . . . In the woods of Biela Hora, Slovakia, bodies of 25 Slovak soldiers were found with legs, arms, tongues cut off. The whole population of nearby Michalovec turned out to a military funeral and demanded intensified struggle against the Germans. . . . Jan STANCZYK, former Minister of Labor in the Polish government-in-exile under ex-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, who resigned as member of the Polish Socialist Party's executive, is ready to participate in a new Polish Provisional Government of National Unity on the basis of the Crimea decisions.

U. S. Army officials deny CBS correspondent Edward Murrow's report that American airmen sank six SPANISH ships carrying succor to trapped Germans on the Atlantic. . . . That doesn't mean that Franco isn't helping the Germans. . . . Five thousand FRENCH women with empty market baskets demonstrated in front of the Paris prefecture in protest against the food shortage, and the Union of French Women asked the prefect for immediate action. . . . British Colonial Secretary Col. Oliver STANLEY opposed the "splintering" of the British Empire and said Britain is unwilling to share responsibility for her colonial empire.

Four hundred ARGENTINE former Socialist Congressmen, municipal officers and trade union leaders in Buenos Aires signed a manifesto urging democratic unity for the restoration of constitutional government. It is unclear from dispatches whether their action was taken with or apart from the underground Patria Libre resistance movement. . . . Foreign Minister Gustavo Chacon of BOLIVIA announced that his country has decided to reestablish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Of 2,103 RED ARMY men asked why they hate the Germans, 1,288 had relatives killed by enemy action, 532 had relatives executed, 393 had relatives deported to slave labor in the Reich, 222 had relatives tortured or beaten, 161 had themselves been beaten.

President Eduard BENES of Czechoslovakia is consulting in Moscow with representatives of the Slovak National (Resistance) Council on reorganization of the government. . . . By October, HUNGARY'S Provisional Government will complete confiscation of lands belonging to war criminals and the nationalization of estates exceeding 140 acres. . . . Delegates from seven ARAB countries are meeting in Cairo to ratify the Arab League constitution drafted at sessions which ended March 3. Conference is resuming March 22.

Red Army Men Liberated By Yanks From German Camp

PARIS, March 20 (UP). — Over 1,100 Russian prisoners have been liberated from a German camp near Stirling-Wendel, the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes reported today.

German guards fled the camp yesterday as 70th U.S. Division troops pushed forward. Among the prisoners were about 130 Yugoslavs

Polish Catholic churchmen freed from German slavery are again conducting high mass in churches the Nazis had used for barns or concealed fortresses, Polpress News disclosed here yesterday.

In Lublin special services recently welcomed the return of Bishop Fulman head of the Lublin Diocese, who had been imprisoned by the Germans for five years, and Army officials attended the tremendous gathering.

The Germans had turned the St. Wawrzyniec Church at Kutno into a barn. A few days ago, the first Holy Mass in four years was celebrated there by the ecclesiastical authorities.

Father Stanislaw Nowak, prior of the Jasnogorski Cloister in Czeszochowa, expressed the joy felt by Polish churchmen at the restoration of free worship. In a special message to the press he said:

"I hereby state that in connection with the military operations of the Soviet Army and after its entry into Czeszochowa the Jasnogorski Church and Cloister have remained intact notwithstanding

that German forces were in the immediate vicinity of the cloister and had built defenses about its walls.

"The authorities do not interfere in matters of the Church. All monastery buildings which had hitherto been occupied by the Germans have since been restored to the proper authorities of the Church. Acting upon the initiative of the Bishop and of the government representatives, divine services are now being held in the cloister."

Bishop Dymek, head of the Poznan Diocese, said that fetters which bound the church during the German occupation have now been broken.

"Instead of the great bells which have been looted by the Germans," he added, "modest little bells now summon the people to worship in churches which have been completely ransacked."

Hits Greek Gov't Ban on Political Discussions

The heroic Greek Liberation Front, the EAM, faces serious obstacles to full participation in Greek life, Michael Mandelakis, secretary of the

'Don't Fence U.S. In,' Says First Lady

Don't Fence Me In, the popular song hit conveys the spirit of the times against isolationism, explains Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The time is past for any race or nationality to live apart from the rest of the world, she told 2,600 persons at the Salem Methodist Church, Monday night, at a brotherhood program arranged by the Interdenominational Ministers of Greater New York and vicinity.

The alternative to world collaboration is war, said the First Lady.

Mrs. Roosevelt described economic fear as the basis of prejudice against the Negro in the United States and asserted we must get rid of that fear by building an economy in which such fears are eradicated.

Pittsburgh to Honor Slovaks Sunday

Special to the Daily Worker

PITTSBURGH, March 20.—Mayor Cornelius D. Scully has proclaimed next Sunday as American-Slovak Memorial day and called upon all citizens to participate in a memorial meeting to be held on the same day at the Aragon Ballroom, 622 Penn. Ave.

The meeting, called by American-Slovak organizations in Pittsburgh for 2:30 p.m. next Sunday, will honor 48 Slovak patriots who were executed in Turciansky Svaty Martin for supporting the cause of the United Nations.

who fought in the Red Army.

Sgt. Marti Svinger, who speaks Yugoslavian and French, related recent military events to the prisoners who cheered wildly at Allied victories.

Most prisoners suffered from malnutrition, wounds and infections, the dispatch said. About 200 are bedridden.

Conservatives Ebb in Colombia

Incomplete figures for the popular vote in Colombia's national elections last weekend show 353,868 for the Liberal Party, 182,103 for the Conservatives and 22,282 for the Socialist Democratic Party, which includes the former Communist Party. The Liberals retained their 2-1 majority in the Chamber of Deputies, while the Conservatives sustained a considerable decrease in voting power.

The Socialist Democrats received more votes than ever before, especially in the cities, increasing their representation from one to five seats in the Chamber.

In Bogota itself, the Conservatives received only 6,000 votes as compared to the Liberals' 21,000 and the Socialist Democrats' 5,000—although the Conservatives used to run a close second. Their prestige has fallen considerably since Conservative leaders were implicated in last year's kidnapping of Liberal President Alfonso Lopez and attempted putsch.

The Liberals are expected to nominate Dr. Gabriel Turbay, former Colombian Ambassador to the United States, to succeed Lopez in the 1946 presidential elections.

Of the Socialist Democrats' representatives, three were elected from Bogota, one from Santander Department, one from Popayan—a former conservative stronghold. Elected from this latter city was Alvaro Pio Valencia, son of the poet Guillermo Valencia and brother of a Conservative Senator.

East Side Rally Urges Franco Break

Residents of New York's Lower East Side jammed Jacob Rills House Sunday night to express their support of Rep. John M. Coffee's House Resolution 100 for breaking relations with Franco Spain and assisting the anti-Franco underground.

Urges Mexico Use Oil to Industrialize

By EFREN FARRILL

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MEXICO CITY, March 20.—Vicente Lombardo Toledano, head of the Confederation of Latin American Workers, was chief speaker today at a meeting commemorating the seventh anniversary of Mexico's expropriation of foreign oil holdings in March, 1938.

President Manuel Avila Camacho was in attendance, and members of the cabinet, the Confederation of Mexican Workers, the official government party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM) and the Peasants Confederation were on the platform.

Dionisio Encina, Mexican Communist Party leader, and leaders of the Federal Employees, Textile and Oil Workers Unions also addressed the rally.

Lombardo urged the industrialization of Mexico on the basis of its rich oil resources.

"The PRM should become a democratic mass party, Lombardo said. He warned labor not to select candidates prematurely for the 1946 presidential elections, pointing out that neither Camacho nor ex-President Gen. Lazaro Cardenas had designated candidates.

A speaker from the Oil Workers Union charged the government petroleum monopoly with many violations of the collective bargaining agreement and warned these may lead to a general strike in April unless corrected.

Boston Meeting to Hear CPA on Crimea

BOSTON, March 20.—The Communist Political Association here announced today that a membership meeting will be held Friday to hear an analysis of the Crimea Conference, based on the CPA National Committee meeting in New York.

The speakers will be Anne Burlak and Otis Archer Hood, state president and first vice-president of the Massachusetts CPA. The meeting to which the public is invited, will be held at Brown Hall, 294 Huntington Ave., at 8 p.m.

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Oklahoma Auto Workers Vote CIO

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 20.—Oklahoma City Douglas Plant workers voted overwhelmingly yesterday to have the United Auto Workers, CIO, represent them as bargaining agent. Of the 13,000 production workers who voted, 71.51 percent, voted for the UAW.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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S. S. Midway Christened, Not Launched

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 20 (UP).—The world's greatest warship was christened here today, but it won't be floated until a balky tide gets around to playing the full role assigned to it in the ceremony. The ship is the 45,000-ton super-

carrier Midway, from whose decks will fly two-engined planes even bigger than the B-25 Mitchell bombers that soared from the carrier Hornet for the first air attack on Tokyo and of a kind never flown before.

Built in a drydock instead of on the conventional ways, the Midway was to have been floated at precisely 9:43 a.m. EWT by admitting sea water into the dock. The tide should have been high enough to

float the blocks-long craft at 9:43. The way it turned out, however, the tide was four inches short.

Navy officials said they expected the tide to make up the missing four inches by tomorrow. Mean-

while, the christening went on as scheduled.

Standing on a flag-draped barge which floated beside the massive, graceful hull, Mrs. Bradford W. Ripley II, of Dayton, O., sponsored the new queen of aircraft carriers. She is the daughter of Ohio's former Gov. James M. Cox and the widow of a Navy pilot killed in a crash in the Pacific.

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THE LOWDOWN

Not a Miracle, Just Sound Basketball and Hy Gotkin

By Nat Low

From the tone of the headlines in some of the other papers one would think St. John's lost to Muhlenberg Monday night at the Garden instead of the opposite. The boys in the press box have just about given up on the Redmen. One headline said: "Inept showing against Mules dims St. John's title chances." Another said, "Redmen lose prestige in skimpy triumph over Muhlenberg."

You'll pardon me if I disagree with the calamity howlers. Now, I'm not yet picking the Redmen to win the tourney again—I'm simply trying to point out that if St. John's was able to win when it had its worst off night of the season then certainly it should be able to win when it has a better night.

And I don't at all agree with the papers that say the Redmen lost prestige as a result of the Muhlenberg game. I think the 34-33 victory over the Mules only substantiated what we've been saying all season long—that the Indians are the most resourceful team in basketball and go further on less than any other team you choose to name.

That sliding zone defense the Mules employed Monday, with two men out and three men choking the middle—and all big, fast men to boot—was no easy thing to penetrate, especially when you consider that St. John's set shots, the basic weapon used to bust up such a defense, were not working at all.

The Indians went eight minutes and 40 seconds before scoring their first point and at one stage of the game trailed by 10 to 0. How many teams around—and include DePaul, please—would have retained its calm in such a situation? The Indians did, and slowly but irresistibly, they began to move, sending one man and then another through the maze of Mules until they could be shaken loose for the score. At half-time they had managed to make the score 14-13 and for close to 10 minutes had throttled Muhlenberg's attack and held it scoreless.

This was a game in which one serious mistake would have meant defeat. The Indians didn't make this mistake although Ivy Summer had the worst night of his career and was practically useless; Bill Kotsoros was "tight" and pressing too hard and Ray Wertis, for all his speed, couldn't slither through to the basket.

From all the welter of excitement one really solid figure stood out—little Hy Gotkin. If you ever doubted he's the smartest player in college today you must be convinced of it now. His teammates call him "The Boss" and the fans call him "The Little General," but whichever way you look at it the Brownsville kid is the man.

Hy not only held the dangerous Dick Whiting to four points but scored eight himself and passed to teammates for at least four others. He led the attack that finally solved that terrific Mule zone and led the defense that held Muhlenberg to 23 points after the first eight minutes of play.

After Monday's heart-stopper, in which everybody but Gotkin was off, tonight's contest with Bowling Green should be a cinch.

The opener, in which DePaul romped over West Virginia, 76-52, proved that good big men can lick good little men. Nobody could stop George Mikan who rattled 33 points through the nets and was a terror under both baskets as well as in the bucket from which he fed passes to his fast cutting teammates. This is a tremendous team coach Ray Meyer has assembled. But it still must get past St. John's to win and that won't be too easy, the headline writers to the contrary.

The Adventures of Richard

The Fine Arts

By Mike Singer

When the nursery school car dropped Scoopy off in front of the house yesterday, No-Nose turned to Shnook who was sitting on the curb and said: "See Shnook that's coming home in style. Whynteyou have a car bring you home from school?"

Shnook who is in 1-B sneered in real villain fashion. "I don't need no car, I know how to walk home."

"Scoopy had waved good-bye to his schoolmates and was now turning his attention to more immediate things. He saw Shnook sitting on the curb. "Fee what I made in 'cool today," Scoopy began, holding up a paper with assorted colored lines and diagrams.

"The what," Shnook scoffed; "I did that when I wath in kindergarten."

"I a painter," Scoopy said proudly. "I paint cow and houf."

"Where's the cow?" No-Nose asked.

"Fee, right here," Scoopy declared, pointing to a blotch on the paper.

"Sure, can't you see the cow?" Richard challenged protectively.

"Look, just because he's your brother don't mean he can make a cow when there ain't no cow on that paper," No-Nose replied.

"Ya gotta have imagination, that's all," Richard pointed out.

"You see a cow on that paper?" No-Nose asked of Shnook.

"Yeth," Shnook said.

"What? You mean you really see a cow there?" No-Nose was more shocked at Shnook's concurrence with Scoopy than he was in the cow.

"Thure, thereeth a cow there," Shnook insisted, "I can thee it."

"See, you dope," Richard gloated, "everybody sees a cow but you. You ain't never been on a farm, that's why."

No-Nose took one last plunge. He held the paper before Scoopy, pointed to the weird outlines of what was supposed to be a cow and asked:

"Do you see a cow?"

"No, that a houf."

"I give up," No-Nose groaned, "if it ain't a cow, it's a house."

"All you gotta have is imagination, that's all," Richard insisted.

News From The Camps

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 20 (UP).—Cheered by the news that Hank Borowy had signed his 1945 contract, Manager Joe McCarthy sent the Yankees through a routine workout today. The drill was featured by the work of catcher Herb Crompton, drafted from Toronto and who may become the Yankees first string receiver this year.

Borowy, who won 17 games last season, advised McCarthy he would report tomorrow. He had been working in a war plant and was not sure whether he would play baseball this season.

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—Van Lingle Mungo showed midseason form yesterday with a blazing fast ball and a sharp breaking curve during a half hour drill in which he pitched batting practice. His showing encouraged manager Mel Ott, but the Giant skipper was worried over the condition of outfielder Joe Medwick, who may have to be sent to New York for back treatments.

The Giants announced the addition of two exhibition games with the Navy team at Bainbridge to take the place of the Philadelphia Phillies series which was cancelled by the new ODT-baseball traveling agreement.

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—George Washington Case, former American League base-stealing champion, proved a tonic for Manager Ossie Bluege of the Washington Senators yesterday, showing his fleetest form of two years ago.

11 A. M. to NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—News; Music
WABC—Bright Horizon
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55-WEAF—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P. M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Glamor Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Army Air Forces Band
WOR—News; the Answer Man
WJZ—News; Woman's Exchange
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WABC—Bernardine Flynn
WJZ—Galen Drake
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony Show
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P. M. TO 6 P. M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Cedric Foster, News
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowl
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Never Too Old
WJZ—Variety Musicale
WABC—Perry Mason
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Mary Martin
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—Ethel Colby—Talk
WMCA—Ethel Colby—Talk
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young's Family
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Beautiful Music
WABC—Off the Record
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Western Songs
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Variety Musicale
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Food and Home Forum
WJZ—Vincent Shecan, From Europe
WABC—Feature Story
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Danny O'Neil, Songs
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—WACS on Parade
WQXR—News; Music

DePaul, St. John's Picked to Win Tonite

By PHIL GORDON

St. John's vs. Bowling Green.

DePaul vs. Rhode Island State.

And that's the way it will be in the semi-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tourney at the Garden tonight which will probably see a new attendance record established for the arena.

The pairings are about the most exciting that could have come out of the quarter-finals. The DePaul-Rhode game, pitting giant George Mikan and his boys with Ernie Calverley's little runaway racehorses, should be worth the price of admission alone for their isn't a man taller than 6 feet 2 inches on the Rhode squad while nobody on DePaul stands less than 6-1, while Mikan towers 6 feet 11½ inches above the court.

Intriguing as this contest shapes up the opener between the Indians and the Falcons will be the better game. The pressure is on the Indians who had a red scare down with Muhlenberg Monday. The Indians had their worst off-night of the season and figure to improve upon their quarter-final effort. But in the Falcons they face a rugged, fast and big crew of veteran courtmen led by huge Don Otten and sleek Wyndol Gray, one of the classiest ball handlers in the country.

DePaul, of course, is an overwhelming favorite to beat Rhode Island and the Demons should do just that but they will not be able to fool around with Frank Keaney's whiz-kids. If you allow the helter-

skelter kids to play their crazy-kilt game you're in for trouble. But the Demons don't figure to rattle easily and how the Rhodies are going to stop Mikan is a problem Mr. Keaney can have all for himself.

As for St. John's, you know what we think of Joe Lapchick and his crew. They're in for another hectic tussle against a well-balanced, fast team but again we must pick them to win for the Indians never make a mistake, are resourceful enough to overcome every exigency and still have Hy Gotkin and they simply don't come any better than the little Brownsville wizard.

If Bowling Green decides to use a zone defense patterned after Muhlenberg's, which gave the Indians so much trouble, it will not be quite as effective. The Redman will be able to penetrate it more quickly than they did Muhlenberg's. And don't forget that St. John's licked Bowling Green in the opening round last year and the team then had Otten as well as Gray.

Thus, from here at least, it looks like another DePaul and St. John's final—and we won't tell you the winner of that one until Monday morning.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc.
WABC—830 Kc.
WQXR—880 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.
WEVD—1330 Kc.
WNEW—1190 Kc.
WLIR—1190 Kc.
WHN—1630 Kc.
WOV—1290 Kc.
WENT—1450 Kc.
WQXR—1560 Kc.

5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WQXR—Fun With Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—House of Mystery
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Terry Allen, Songs
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Books Are Bullets
5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WABC—Wilderness Road
WQXR—Man About Town

6 P. M. TO 9 P. M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Moseley
WJZ—Kierman's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
WJZ—Dorsey Orchestra
WJZ—Little Blue Schoolhouse
WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News
WJZ—News; Whose War?—Talk
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Soprano
WMCA—New Yorkers at War
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs
WABC—The World Today
WMCA—Recorded Music
6:55-WABC—Joseph C. Harsch, News
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club—Variety
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WQXR—Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—Variety Musicale
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Opera Scrapbook
7:30-WEAF—Roth Orchestra
WOR—Can You Top This?
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Ellery Queen
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WMCA—Ted Martin, Songs
WHN—Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North
WOR—Cecil Brown
WJZ—Ted Malone—From Overseas

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— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

Honest New Book on USSR Exposes Lies of W. L. White

The "splendid recklessness" of W. L. White is bluntly rebuked by Edmund Stevens, correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, in Mr. Stevens' new book, *Russia Is No Riddle* (Greenberg, \$3).

"It was birds of passage like White who made work more difficult for serious correspondents," writes Stevens. "Untold harm has been done to the cause of Soviet-American

No Pride, But Lots of Prejudice

A good title for W. L. White's book would have been *No Pride But Lots of Prejudice*, writes Ella Winter, foreign correspondent of the New York Post. Miss Winter, who has just returned from the Soviet Union, where she met White, describes the book as "ignorant, dirty." Miss Winter's article on the White book appeared in yesterday's Post.



relations by some of the visiting firemen whose snap judgments reported back from a quick tour have contributed to the general misunderstandings."

Unlike White, Stevens knows the Russian language. He spent not six weeks but six years in the Soviet Union. He accompanied the Churchill-Harriman party from Cairo to Moscow on a special assignment as interpreter and technical adviser.

Stevens knows there is a war on, and he very properly measures ideas and events against the background of the war. He praises the "foresight" and "capacity for leadership" of the Soviet Government, and understands that "it is impossible, as some writers attempt, to distinguish in this respect between the Government and the people."

SEES FINNISH ROLE

The correspondent covered the Russo-Finnish war from the Finnish side in 1939-1940. He appreciates today, all the more keenly that Soviet action "spelled the difference between defeat and victory in the long battle for Leningrad." Stevens visited Leningrad after the German siege ring had been broken, and like Alexander Werth he pays tribute to the heroism of that proud city which the fascists had boasted would be returned to a swamp.

On the London Poles Stevens makes a number of pertinent comments. Their boundary claims are only a "pretext." Actually, "the London Polish Government was still dominated by elements fundamentally hostile to the Russians—including people who not so long ago dreamed of extending Poland's frontiers to the Dnieper." The London Poles hoped for "a conflict between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union, and they did their best to promote discord between the two groups." On the other hand, the patriot Polish troops whom Stevens observed in the Ukraine were indignant at the Polish reactionaries and grateful for Soviet aid in their fight for Polish freedom and independence.

REPORT ON ATROCITIES

Stevens reports on the criminal atrocities and devastation wrought by the Germans. He describes also the remarkable job of reconstruction carried on by the Soviets in the midst of the war.

Above all, the Russians insist that Nazism must be destroyed root and branch, Stevens writes. "In the advocacy of this program, the Russians anticipate opposition from the West. Not so much from Britain, where buzz-bombs and rocket bombs have steered public opinion, but

Simonov's War Novel To Be Published Here

A war novel, *Days and Nights*, by Konstantin Simonov will be published this fall by Simon and Schuster. The novel, dealing with the siege of Stalingrad, will be translated by Joseph Barnes, foreign editor of the New York Herald Tribune.

Simonov's play, *The Russian People*, was presented here two seasons ago. The current film *Wait for Me* is based on his famous poem of the same title.

Boris Blinov, Lev Sverdlin and Valentina Serova in a scene from the new Soviet film *Wait for Me* at the Stanley Theater.

Inspiring Morale Film at Stanley

By DAVID PLATT

Konstantin Simonov's *Wait for Me* is an inspiring Russian film on a Tender Comrade theme. This sensible little story of a young couple separated by the war, contains a message of hope and courage to men and women of all lands who work towards victory and a brighter postwar world.

The picture is based on Simonov's celebrated poem *Wait for Me* which sold a million copies in the Soviet Union and was set to music by no less than eighteen composers. One of the great favorites of Red Army-men, the song became a part of the Soviet movie *Lad from our Town*, shown in New York a year or two ago. Later, Simonov, wrote a play around the theme. It was such an outstanding success, he agreed to write a movie script that would reach the entire country. The popularity of the film was overwhelming. This is understandable.

WAR WIVES WHO WAIT

Wait for Me says that the morale of war in battle is heightened by the thought that someone waits for them. The film is a perfect expression of the feelings of most Soviet war wives. It tells of Lisa (Valentina Serova), blonde, attractive wife of a Red Army Major, who had the patience, responsibility and faith to wait for him to come back when everybody else had given him up for lost. And of Nikolai (Boris Blinov) her husband, who escaped from a Nazi grave to become a Pinky Rankin 'Redbeard' behind enemy lines, but he has had no news from home for months and his morale is low. Then one glorious day his best friend Misha (Lev Sverdlin) sends his soul soaring by appearing out of nowhere with a letter from Lisa.

Wait for Me

WAIT FOR ME, a scenario and story by Konstantin Simonov, directed by Boris Ivanov and Alexander Stolper, produced at Central Art Film Studios, Alma Ata, USSR, presented by Artkino Pictures, with English dialogue at the Stanley Theater, with the following cast:

Soviet cast	English cast
Lisa..... Valentina Serova.....	Donna Keath
Nikolai..... Boris Blinov.....	Alexander Scourby
Misha..... Lev Sverdlin.....	Sanford Meisner
Andrei..... Nikolai Nazvanov.....	Paul Mann
Sonia..... Nina Zorskala.....	Eugenie Chapel
Pedra..... Piotr Geraga.....	Byron McGrath
Maria..... Elena Tiapkina.....	Grace Coppin
Partisan..... Anton Martenov.....	Louis Sorin
Pasha..... Eda Siparova.....	Barbara Fuller
Gunner..... Alex Apsolon.....	Will Hare
Pilot.....	Bill Quinn

Wait for Me tells of Sonia, (Nina Zorskala), a jittery war wife who discovered too late that she had given up too soon. And of Andrei, (Nicolai Nazvanov) her husband, who lost all interest in life as a result of her betrayal.

The English dialogue version by an experienced cast of radio people is so well done, it is easy to substitute American war wives and their fighting men while watching this universal story of adjustment to all-out war. No one with loved ones in the service can afford to miss it.

Marxist Philosophy Sourcebook To Be Published in 1945

International Publishers announces for publication in 1945 a Sourcebook of Marxist Philosophy. This work will bring together for the first time in one volume all the important philosophical statements and utterances from Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and other major contributors to Marxism.

Presenting Marxism as a consistent world view and guide to thought and action, the book will contain selections from such classics

as *The German Ideology*, *Capital*, *Anti-Duhring*, *Materialism and Empirio-Criticism*, and similar works. It will also include sections from lesser-known writings by Marx, Engels, and Lenin, as well as critical introductions and short notes.

The editors of Sourcebook of Marxist Philosophy are Howard Selsam and Harry Martel. Mr. Selsam is director of the Jefferson School of Social Science. Mr. Martel is an instructor of Dialectical Materialism at the school.

Photographer to Tell His War Experiences

Elliot Elisofon, well-known photographer, recently returned from "shooting" the war in Europe for life, will tell about his experiences in a talk at the Photo League Auditorium, 30 East 27th Street, New York, on Friday March 30 at 8 p. m. Elisofon was in Sweden and also covered the Finnish-Russian front against the Germans, where he was injured by a near-by bomb explosion. The proceeds from the admis-

sion fee of 50 cents will be donated to the American Red Cross Fund Drive.

'Alexander Nevsky' At 5th Ave. Playhouse

Starting today (Wednesday) the Fifth Ave. Playhouse will present Sergei Eisenstein's Soviet film epic *Alexander Nevsky* and the French film *Port of Shadows* with Jean Gabin. Both films are equipped with complete dialogue titles in English.

"Ehrenburg, for all his cosmopolitanism, was the eternal questing Jewish intellectual, a citizen of the world and a stranger in any one country." Stevens is here talking nonsense not only about Ehrenburg; he is at the same time giving currency to an anti-Semitic stereotype. Similarly, to talk about "lingering traces of inferiority complex" in the Soviet Union is to indulge thoughtlessly in psychological jargon.

The hastily written passages are all the more regrettable in a book which adds up to an earnest plea for American friendship with the Soviet Union, a book which in spirit, intention, and total effect stands far removed from W. L. White's contemptible slur.

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Late Bulletins

U.S. Conciliation Service May Intervene Today in Coal Talks

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—Howard T. Colvin, acting director of the Labor Department's Conciliation Service, said tonight the government may step into the apparently deadlocked coal contract negotiations to morrow.

He said the government has been watching negotiations carefully and is prepared to intervene at a moment's notice. "We will move in time to prevent a work stoppage," he asserted. (See earlier story on page five)

Democratic Swing in Finland Surprises Finnish Americans

The gains chalked up by Finland's new democratic coalition in this weekend's national elections came as a surprise to Finnish Americans, Knute Aclikinen, foreign editor of the daily Eteenpain, told the Daily Worker yesterday.

"The results were much better than we expected because the Democratic League had practically no means of publicity," he explained. "They have no daily paper—just a little weekly the size of a handbill."

"And the Social Democrats—who won 52 seats to the coalition's 51—have a strong established press in almost every city."

Aclikinen said that Premier Juho Paasikivi's election eve appeal to vote down enemies of the Soviet Union undoubtedly helped a great deal.

Press reports in the United States also give undue emphasis to the

conservative program of all who opposed the Democratic League, Aclikinen added.

First of all, Premier Paasikivi himself belongs to the Agrarian Party, which ran third, and many of its other members surely agree with the Premier's strong pro-Soviet, anti-fascist stand. This holds true, Aclikinen said, for the other three old-line parties.

As to the Social Democrats, he declared, some of the worst anti-Sovietes, like Vaino Tanner himself, were forced by Paasikivi to withdraw their candidacy before the election, and probably a part of those elected will not follow Tanner's policy.

The extent of reaction's defeat in the elections cannot be estimated precisely until the Diet (parliament) meets next month, Aclikinen stated. But big changes, he predicted, are in the offing.

3d Takes Worms, Enters Mainz

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since March 15 the Third Army has counted 44,956 killed, wounded or prisoners and has another 15,000 to 20,000 prisoners still uncounted. The Seventh Army's count, lagging far behind, has reported more than 4,000 prisoners taken.

The Germans destroyed two Rhine bridges at Worms as Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey's Fourth Armored Division drove 13 miles in 12 hours and captured the medieval city of 41,000 population without a fight.

DEFENSES COLLAPSE

German defenses collapsed at every point in the Saar. Far to the west, Third Army infantry captured the steel city of Saarlautern after three and one half months of battle and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army breached the Siegfried Line in more than a dozen places in the south.

Those German troops which have escaped the last six days of destruction are now packed into a triangle some 40 miles wide along its base on the Rhine and 30 miles deep between the Rhine and Kaiserslautern.

This triangle is being rolled up from the west at better than a mile an hour by Patton's armored divisions. Thousands of Allied planes heaping destruction on the fleeing columns, were officially declared by Patch to have cut off the Germans' last escape routes across the Rhine.

The enemy still holds four cities with Rhine bridges—Ludwigshafen, Speier, Germersheim and Karlsruhe—but these and the roads leading to them are under continuous Allied air attack.

Troops of the 90th Division en-

tered Mainz, with a population of 85,000, as they cleaned out a pocket along the Rhine bend formed by the Fourth Armored's tank dash to Worms.

Another column of the 90th, extending its grip on the river, drove 10 miles east to reach Bodenheim, a mile and a half from the Rhine and four miles south of Mainz. Other Americans were reported in the vicinity of Marxheim, six miles south of Mainz.

During the day's spectacular advances, First Army Americans captured the large Eydenbach airstrip nine miles northeast of Remagen and two and a half miles east of the superhighway, giving them a second landing field east of the Rhine.

Infantry marching up the superhighway extended their grip on the road to nine miles as they captured Oberpleis, Roserodt, Eudenbach, Bellinghausen and Weller and reached Hartenberg while the 78th Division raced north from Obercassel into Beuel.

FDR Inquires into Food Situation

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt stepped into the national food shortage dispute today with an announcement that he plans to say something on the subject Friday.

The country is entitled to know more of the facts, he told his news conference, and he wants it to have them. He said he is assembling information and plans to present it at his news conference on Friday.

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It's the end of the line for these Nazis, taken prisoner by Patton's Third Army, and gathered at this collection point near a trolley in Coblenz.

The Veteran Commander

LAST SECTION OF WESTWALL GOING

GEN. PATTON'S tanks are reported approaching the fortress city of Kaiserslautern which is the defense and transportation hub of the Bavarian Palatinate (Bayrische Pfalz). Patton's left is sliding up the Rhine and is within sight of Mainz where the Germans have blown up two bridges without waiting for their routed troops to cross.

Meanwhile, Gen. Patch is attacking the Zweibrücken-Pirmasens line, threatening to cut the communications which run out of the Palatinate pocket to the east and across the Rhine into the Black Forest. Some fair-sized pockets have already been closed in the rear of the present front line and about 25,000 Germans have already been captured. The Germans still have a number of Rhine crossings at their disposal (at Worms, Mannheim, Speyer, Karlsruhe, etc.) for their flight from the Palatinate into Hessen and Baden, but in view of the Allied air supremacy, they will hardly be able to make full and uninterrupted use of these crossings and thousands of enemy troops and much heavy equipment will remain stuck on the west bank of the Rhine.

Thus the last section of the Westwall is collapsing. All that remains of the famous Siegfried Line is the zone east of the Rhine.

For the first time in many generations a large-scale battle is developing in the Saar-Palatinate area and its outcome bids fair to bring American

troops to the very gateway to the heart of what remains of the Third Reich. The city of Erfurt is now the geographical heart of Germany. Mainz is 125 miles from Erfurt. The road leads via Frankfurt, Fulda and Munique.

The French Army has thrown the Germans out of the last piece of French soil near the Rhine at Lauterburg.

The American First Army, enlarging its Remagen bridgehead, has emerged on the plain which leads to the Ruhr and has captured Nonnenberg on the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway.

THE Red Army has further whittled down the pockets at Königsberg, Braunsberg and Danzig.

The Germans report that Marshal Konev has broken through in upper Silesia, toward the Moravian Gap, and that Malinovsky and Tolbukhin are advancing up the Danube valley south of Komarno. However, all this is not confirmed by Moscow.

OUR troops have invaded the Island of Panay in the Philippines and have pushed halfway to the capital of Iloilo, against slight resistance. Now the Sulu Sea is practically our "lake."

Our great carrier task force, after smashing Kuysbu, turned against Hoonshu and attacked Kobe, Kure and Nagoya.

CPA in Radio Pleas to Miners

Special to the Daily Worker

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., March 20.—The coal miners not only can but must win their just demands without resorting to a John L. Lewis-inspired war-cripping strike, Joseph Godfrey, Communist Political Association leader, told a Western Pennsylvania radio audience here tonight.

Speaking directly to the miners over radio station WKPA, Godfrey charged Lewis' call for a strike vote eight days hence was a "continuation of his struggle against the war effort" and "was not prompted by any desire on his part to improve conditions or to win the demands of the miners."

He urged the coal diggers in Allegheny Valley and West Moreland County to back the general demand of the labor movement that President Roosevelt order immediate government seizure of the mines to prevent interruption of

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coal production and mass closing of war plants.

Godfrey, who is CPA secretary in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, suggested the mine union demand that Lewis and the Policy Committee cancel the order for the strike ballot scheduled for March 28, and urged miners to vote against a strike if such a vote is taken.

"John L. Lewis and the Policy Committee failed to bring forward the demand for upward revision of the Little Steel formula to provide for a general wage increase for all workers, despite the fact that the entire labor movement, headed by the CIO and AFL, is fighting for this demand," declared Godfrey.

This, he said, shows Lewis is not concerned with getting the miners

benefits other unions are fighting for. He asserted Lewis' failure to bring forth this demand amounted to "betrayal of the wage fight of the entire labor movement and compromised the interests of the miners."

"In addition," Godfrey added, "Lewis issued the order for a strike vote, even though experience during the war has shown that every one of the main demands of the Policy Committee has already been won peacefully and without strikes by other unions."

"Premium for afternoon and evening shifts, improved vacation and holiday pay, abolition of wage inequalities have been won through decisions of the War Labor Board by the United Steel Workers of America under the leadership of Phil Murray. Full portal to portal pay has been won by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union without strikes through resort to court action."

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